



Beginning July 15, 2021, families eligible for the Federal Child Tax Credit who filed either a 2019 or 2020 federal income tax return will begin receiving monthly payments instead of waiting to receive an annual credit when they file their 2021 tax returns.

The IRS will pay half the total credit amount in advance, monthly payments. You will claim the other half when you file your 2021 income tax return. These changes apply to tax year 2021 only.

To qualify for advance Child Tax Credit payments, you and your spouse, if you filed a joint return must have:

1. Filed a 2019 or 2020 tax return and claimed the Child Tax Credit on the return; **OR**
2. Have given the IRS information in 2020 to receive the Economic Impact Payment using the Non-Filers tool on IRS.gov to register for an Economic Impact Payment or who registered for the advance Child Tax Credit this year using the new Non-Filer Sign-up Tool; **and**
 - Maintained a main home in the U.S. for more than six months (in the 50 states & District of Columbia); or filed a joint return with a spouse who has a main home in the U.S. for more than 6 months of the year; **and**
 - Have a qualifying child who is under age 18 at the end of 2021 and who has a valid Social Security number; **and**
 - Made less than certain income limits. The maximum credit is available to taxpayers with a modified Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) of 75,000 or less for singles, \$112,500 or less for heads of household, and \$150,000 or less for married couples filing jointly and qualified widows and widowers.

Eligible families who took any of these actions do not need to do anything else to get their payments. The IRS will use information you provided earlier to determine if you qualify and **automatically enroll you for advance payments**. You do not need to take any additional action to get advance payments.

If you have NOT done either of these 2 steps, follow this IRS.gov link to see if you are ELIGIBLE: <https://www.irs.gov/credits-deductions/advance-child-tax-credit-eligibility-assistant>

If you are a NON-FILER (aren't required to file a tax return) and have not provided the IRS with your information, use this IRS.gov link to do so: <https://www.irs.gov/credits-deductions/child-tax-credit-non-filer-sign-up-tool>

If you qualify and have not yet filed a 2020 or 2019 tax return, the IRS urges you to do so as soon as possible in order to receive any advance payment for which you're eligible.